

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 21, Week Ending 05/29/2015



This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, La Vaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson, and Zavala.

Flu Activity:

Reports were received from 17 counties this week. Six counties reported no flu or ILI activity; 9 counties reported ILI activity only; 2 counties reported flu by rapid test. Activity in week 21 was about the same as week 20.

Pediatric Deaths:

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during week 19. Sixteen influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in Texas during the 2014-2015 influenza season. Cases of influenza-associated pediatric mortality (children <18 years of age) are reportable year-round and by law in Texas.

Institutional & School Outbreaks

No outbreaks reported during this period.

Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported.

Variant Influenza Viruses

No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

Note: This week marks the end of the formal flu reporting season. Many of our flu surveillance partners will be on summer break. Region 8 conducts flu surveillance year round, and relies on clinics, physicians, hospitals, nursing facilities and emergency departments to continue surveillance operations during the summer months. Please continue to report flu activity.

